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Sir:


Applicants herewith submit an Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application.

Documents relating to the above-identified application are submitted herewith. These documents are intended for the Examiner's information and for citation with the instant case. This submission does not constitute either a representation that a thorough search has been made or an admission that the documents cited herein are properly citable against the above-identified application. An attached PTO Form 1449 lists all the documents.

No additional fee is required since this information is filed prior to the first Office Action on the merits. (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

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		0 888 722	07 Jan. 99	EP			X (w/abstract)
		0 981 970	01 Mar. 00	EP			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

		<u>International Search Report, PCT/EP2004/005755, mailed 05 November 2004, 2 pp.</u>
		<u>European Search Report, EP 03 07 6936, dated 09 October 2003, 2 pp.</u>

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